

MIKE WEIR (-13)

Q. Mike, great day for you today. Can you just talk us through that back nine there? That was a little bit crazy, hmm?

MIKE WEIR: The back nine was fun. Hit a bunch of shots close to the hole. I started, if we go on the back nine, 10, I hit it to probably eight feet and made that one. And then I hit it to a tap-in on the next hole, almost chipped in for eagle on the next hole, so there were some nice easy birdies I would say.

Then my lone -- my first bogey was a really good shot that hit on the downslope and scooted to the back of the green and I three-putted, so that was a bummer. But I bounced right back with a birdie on the next three or next four. So it was a little bit up and down. A little bummed that I bogeyed 18, a little bit of a sidehill lie and the heel of my club caught. I was trying to keep it left of the hole and the club caught and just turned right over. But very pleased with my round, pleased with the way I'm hitting it.

Q. You have a two-shot lead going into tomorrow. You had that same lead at Dominion. Do you play with that mindset that you had at that tournament versus how you're going into tomorrow?

MIKE WEIR: Yeah, that day at Dominion, I played well Sunday. I didn't putt very well, so I'm hoping that I can get the flat stick a little bit hotter tomorrow and be a little bit more consistent with that. Like I said, I'm very pleased with the way I'm hitting it, so hopefully I can just get a few to go in.

As it goes out here on the Champions Tour, someone's bound to shoot 6, 7, 8, 9 under, so you never know, so you still have to have an aggressive mindset.

Q. Just speak to how well you feel like you're playing. You told Jackie a little bit, but could you expand on the last two days?

MIKE WEIR: Yeah, it's probably in two days, I can't recall a time where I've hit so many shots close to the hole. I've hit really a lot of shots that have been almost tap-in to just outside of tap-in. I don't know, probably six, seven, eight shots. So my wedges have been very good, even mid iron game's been very good, so that's really been good. And I'm driving it good.

I made a long putt on 17 yesterday from 15 feet or 17 feet and that's the longest putt I've made. It's not like I'm filling up or anything, I'm just playing really well. Hopefully we'll get a few to fall tomorrow.

Q. How important is it to think about, think about this just in shot by shot terms as opposed to I'm in the lead, I have a chance to win?

MIKE WEIR: That's the mentality. It's cliché obviously, but that's the goal is to try to not get ahead of yourself. Just when I get on that first tee tomorrow, just be focused on that shot and trying to make a good swing and get off to a good start. You know, who knows, you can get on a run like I did today. You're not trying to get on that run, but when you're in that mindset, sometimes those just kind of appear.

Q. As good as your tee shots were on 17 and 18, would you have hoped to get a little bit more out of those two holes than you did?

MIKE WEIR: It was nice to get a birdie on 17. I mean, I hit a very good second shot, I thought I could get that 50-degree wedge to the front of the green and have an uphill eagle putt, I think the wind just died down a little bit when I hit.

And then 18, yeah, a little bit disappointing. It's hard hitting right into that sun late in the day. Ball's a little above my feet. I was trying to play it left of the hole, I had a good target left of the hole, the club just caught, and with the ball above your feet, it's just a demanding hole. You're going to be probably left with a not-flat lie, so -- and a long-ish club in. And we're going to have some wind. It's a demanding finish.

Q. Judging by not the third shot but the fourth shot, how you just sort of delicately dropped it on and it rolled really fast, how hard was the third shot in terms of where to place it?

MIKE WEIR: Yeah, it was -- I had that big mound right in front much me. I would have loved to just hit a nice little bump shot with a 60-degree, but that big mound was in the way. So I debated trying to hit a high flop one, and that would have been the safety shot. Likely probably would have rolled by 15 feet or something, so I tried to go for getting one closer to the hole and didn't get a very good one. Nice to make bogey.

Q. It's supposed to be cooler tomorrow, it's supposed to be windier tomorrow. How might that impact things?

MIKE WEIR: You know, I mean, it will make it play more difficult. The course is already firm, so I suspect when it gets cooler and windier, those greens are going to be very, very firm. So quality struck shots are imperative. If you hit a really quality shot, the ball will receive on the green. If you don't, it will just take off and go. So I feel like that's good for me. I'm hitting the ball very solid, so if I can kind of keep doing that, kind of keep driving it in the fairway. Playing out of the fairway here is very important, so hopefully I can keep doing that, too.

Q. One last thing, what's been your strategy off the tee on 18?

MIKE WEIR: Eighteen, there's the big Cologuard sign that we're -- that's in the water that we're looking at there. Depending on which way the wind is doing, it could be a 5-wood to a driver depending on what's happening there. I hit a good 3-wood there today and most likely will be probably similar.